



# August 2010 Calendar of Events - Merritt, BC

## Music in the City

[www.merrittwalkofstars.com](http://www.merrittwalkofstars.com)  
[robyn@rbrandproductions.ca](mailto:robyn@rbrandproductions.ca)

Thursdays throughout the summer at Spirit Square and Rotary Park.

Sponsored in part by Merritt Herald, Sunrise Rotary, Rotary Club of Merritt, Q101, Shaw TV, Merritt Morning Market and Merritt Walk of Stars

August 5, 12, 19, 26 (26th is at Rotary Park, the rest all at Spirit Square)



## Iron Mountain Music's Capital Sound Stage

[www.ironmountainmusic.ca](http://www.ironmountainmusic.ca)

Presents BRICK HOUSE - Vancouver's hottest blues band comes to the Capital Soundstage in Merritt. ("2004 Best Canadian Live Band/All Genres" ~ Real Blues Magazine)

Saturday August 7th, doors open at 7pm, tickets \$20 (must be over 19 to attend)



## Cactus Annie's (Voted Country Club of the year 2009 by the CCMA's)

[www.merrittdesertinn.com](http://www.merrittdesertinn.com)

Call 250-378-2254 for upcoming entertainment in August



## Coldwater Hotel

[www.coldwaterhotel.com](http://www.coldwaterhotel.com)

in August (Date TBA)

### **EAST COAST LOBSTER FEST - Welcome Back Event**

Built in 1908, the Coldwater Hotel remains the vintage hallmark of downtown Merritt. With its conspicuous copper dome, the dramatic exterior of the hotel previews the elegance and old-world charm of the pub, restaurant and banquet room, reminiscent of the turn of the century architecture. Along with an excellent location, the Coldwater Hotel offers good meals, good cigars, good liquors (in their fully stocked Liquor Store) and good old fashioned treatment -

Jim Cooley, Manager & Ron & Joanne Siever, the Proprietors will see to that!

For more info contact Jim at 250-280-1300 or 378-2821



## 11th Annual BC Ambassador Pageant 2010

www.bcambassador.com

August 13 & 14 at the Merritt Civic Centre and Baillie House

## Highland Valley Copper Mine Annual Open House

Mon, August 2, 8:30am – 4:00pm

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and fun for the whole family! Come see how the Copper Valley Mind operates. Some tours restricted to certain ages.

## Nicola Valley Farmers' Market

Every Saturday Open from May to October, Sat 9:00am to 2:00pm

A growing market with a mix of woodwork to baking, corn to buffalo meat. Always looking for more crafters and vendors.

Location: Garcia St & Coutlee Ave

Contact Info: Market Manager: Isobel Vere

Phone: 250-315-8010

Email: [ttonka@ttonka.ca](mailto:ttonka@ttonka.ca)

## Elvis Presley - Celebration of Life Fundraiser

Everyone Welcome to the "ELVIS Celebration of Life Fundraiser Dinner/Show"

SAT. AUG. 21st 2010

~ tickets \$35.00 each at Merritt Desert Inn 1-250 -378-2254 ~ Prime Rib Dinner 6:30 p.m.

SHOW-8:30p.m. to midnight. ~ Three Generations of ELVIS 50,60,70 Elvis Tribute Artists ~

Joe & Chris KELSO & Adam FITZPATRICK ~ popular BANDS ~ "APPALOOSA" & UP-TOWN HORNZ and "Johnny CASH" Tribute Artist.

If anyone would like to donate to the "Silent Auction table" please contact E.P. Fan Club Pres.

Dolly Jackson 250-378-4710 Thank you.

ALL Proceeds go directly to the "Patient's Transportation Program", Nicola Valley Health

Centre for..anyone needing assistance for out of town travel to medical appointments go to Merritt Hospital Desk and ask for application for some assistance from the Elvis Fan Club.

Come out and enjoy your evening with friends and help the cause. ♪♪ Thank you.

Visit the Latest News section on the web site [www.elvisfanclub.ca](http://www.elvisfanclub.ca)

## Merritt Stock Car Club - Catch all the Action in '10 the Clubs 19th Season

Merritt Stock Car Club .COM

Night Races August 1st & 28th



The Merritt Speedway provides exciting action-packed excitement from May to October.

Throughout the regular racing season, Merritt Speedway offers a number of special day and night events including the 16th Bill John Memorial Invitational.

Merritt Speedway features a lighted 3/8 mile dirt top oval surface track popular with stock car and funny enthusiasts. Our club maintains a clean site with secure lighted bleachers that can sit up to 300 spectators. There is ample parking and a play area for the youngsters all setup in a nice safe rural area.

Satisfy your hunger at our front and centre concession stand, where you can watch all the action on the track while you wait for order. Our concession staff will fix you up with scrumptious hamburgers, hotdogs, fries and all the fixing's and things. You will be surprised.

Finally, to top off your day there is open pits access after the races for fans, families, and youngsters.



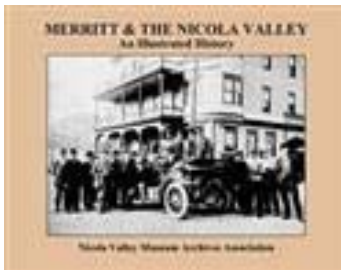


## PLACES TO VISIT

### **GEOTOURISM**

[www.goldtrail.com/GeoTourism%20home.html](http://www.goldtrail.com/GeoTourism%20home.html)

Discover the region's rich history while using GPS points or treasure hunt clues (letterboxing) to find boxes cached throughout Gold Country. Free fun for the whole family!  
This unique program is the first of its kind in British Columbia, and features 72 sites throughout the Gold Country Region. Start your geocaching adventure here!



### **Nicola Valley Museum & Archives**

Visit the Nicola Valley Museum & Archives to visit Merritt past without a time machine

Visit [www.nicolavalleymuseum.org](http://www.nicolavalleymuseum.org)

### **Nicola Valley Community Arts Council Nicola Valley Olde Courthouse Art Gallery**

<http://nvcommunityartscouncil.wordpress.com/> for more info

The Courthouse Gallery is located in the Olde Courthouse Arts Centre on Nicola Avenue.

Gallery hours: Thursday 4-8pm and Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm.



### **The Historic Baillie House Property (Merritt Visitor Information Centre)**

[www.bailliehouse.com](http://www.bailliehouse.com)

Watch the [video](#) for more information on the Baillie House.



Western Charm in the heart of the Nicola Valley.

The historic Baillie Property, operated by the Nicola Valley Heritage Society, consists of a house, barn, store, storage garage and heritage style garden. The importance of the property is the extent to which the buildings have remained so unchanged since the early 1900's. The society has established a number of annual events including fundraisers that help in the continuing operations and maintenance of the site.

The former store on the property also enjoys its' new purpose as Merritt's Tourism Information Centre. Conveniently located in the heart of our community and across from City Hall, at 2250 Voght Street. We hope you will stop in for a visit and learn more about our wonderful history and the many things to see and do in Merritt and the Nicola Valley.

The Baillie House offers Catered Events such as Mother's Day Tea, Weddings and photos, Christmas activities and garage sales. They also invite you add to the Memorial Garden Donation, plant a tree or shrub, or place a bench on the Baillie Property in memory of someone. There is also a Memorial Wall where you can purchase a name plaque as a memorial to you family member.

The hours of operation are: Summer hours from May to September 10am-6pm, 7 days per week ~ Winter hours are October to April from 10am-4pm Tuesday through Saturday. Call 250-378-0349 for more information on event dates and times.

We welcome you and hope you enjoy your stay!



## The Historical Quilchena Hotel



[www.quilchena.com](http://www.quilchena.com)

You are invited...to break away from the fast lane. Come and partake in turn of the century charm and down home hospitality at Quilchena.

Quilchena Hotel is a full-service hotel located in the heart of one of British Columbia's largest working cattle ranches. It is still owned and operated by descendants of the founder, Joseph Guichon who established it back in 1908 during the heyday of ranching.

Set against the backdrop of gently rolling range country, and overlooking beautiful Nicola Lake, we offer a unique experience to people who appreciate fine food, friendly surroundings, a variety of leisure activities and golf in a tranquil setting

## The Walk of Stars and Murals

[www.merrittwalkofstars.com](http://www.merrittwalkofstars.com) & <http://www.merrittmurals.com/mural.html>



Take a tour of downtown Merritt and take in the many Country Music Artists Murals and Handprints, who have played and visited the Country Music Capital of Canada. Coming soon is the Country Music Hall of Honor scheduled for opening this year.

***Check out Tourism Merritt for more information [www.tourismmerritt.com](http://www.tourismmerritt.com)***